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B. STATE 244180
C. USUN 4821

1. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE, AT THIS LATE DATE, TO CONVINCE GOA TO HOLD OFF DPRK EMBASSY STAFF ARRIVAL UNTIL AFTER UNGA DEBATE (REF A). WE SHARE DEPARTMENTS VIEW (REF B) THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO APPROACH GOA TO SEEK DELAY IN OPENING OF DPRK EMBASSY. AS WE READ USUN CABLES (REF C IS ONE OF SEVERAL EXAMPLES), WE UNDERSTAND THAT AUSTRALIAN UN DELEGATION, WITH OR WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA, IS DOING ABOUT AS MUCH AS COULD BE EXPECTED IN LOBBYING EFFORT NOW GOING ON.

2. EMBOFF REVIEWED SITUATION RE DPRK EMBASSY WITH RO MYUNG GONG, COUNSELOR OF ROK EMBASSY, ON NOV 21. HE PROVIDED MUCH THE SAME INFO ON PROSPECTIVE ISSUANCE OF AUSTRALIAN VISAS TO DPRK EMBASSY PERSONNEL. BOTH GON AND ROK AMBASSADOR LO WOULD, OF COURSE, PREFER THAT NO RPT NO DPRK EMBASSY BE OPENED IN CANBERRA. HOWEVER, BOTH ARE RECONCILED TO WHAT THEY REGARD AS INEVITABLE DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON ROK INTERESTS AS A WHOLE.
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